

REMARKS

Regarding the status of the present application, Claims 36, 37 and 39 have been amended, claim 38 has been canceled, and Claims 1-37 and 39-43 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment does not require further searching on the part of the Examiner. It is also respectfully submitted that the present amendment places this application in condition for allowance, or in any event, places it in a better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 36, 37 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,239,700 issued to Hoffman et al. in view of US Patent No. 6,838,998 issued to Brown et al. Claims 36, 37 and 39 have been amended to include language relating to receiving time-coded position data and memory for storing the time-coded position data, which the Examiner stated placed Claim 1 in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 36, 37 and 39 are not obvious in view of the Hoffman et al. and Brown et al. patents, taken singly or together, for the reasons indicated by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection and allowance of Claims 36, 37 and 39 are respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims 40 and 41 are considered allowable based upon the allowability of Claim 39. Allowance of Claims 40 and 41 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-35, 42 and 43 were allowed. The finding of allowable subject matter in this application is appreciated.

Claims 40 and 41 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 40 and 41 have not been placed in independent form due to the presumed allowability of Claim 39 resulting from the amendments made thereto.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure to the extent indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance thereof are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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